

PHILADELPHIA POLICE HAVE ARRESTED STRIKE LEADER

Situation is Growing Serious and Extra Police are Sworn in---May Call General Strike.

By Associated Press.
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—The police officials took the initiative tonight in the war being waged between the striking carmen and the officials of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company, when they arrested Clarence O. Pratt, the national organizer for the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway employees, on a warrant charging him with "conspiring to incite a riot." The warrant was served on Pratt as he was leaving in an automobile after attending a mass meeting of the union carmen. He was locked up at the city hall and will be held to await a hearing in the morning. It is rumored that warrants have been issued for other labor leaders as a result of the conference today between District Attorney Rotan, Director of Public Safety Clay and Magistrate Beaton. The police force was augmented to-night by the swearing in for riot duty an independent military organization of two hundred members. Plans are being discussed by the commanders of three local regiments of the Pennsylvania guard to mobilize their troops at a moment's notice. The regular force of 3,500 police and 200 specials was also enlarged today by the swearing in of sixty-five park guards and 500 city employees of other departments. Five car loads of strike breakers reached here late today and were loaded on trolley cars at the Pennsylvania railroad station in West Philadelphia and were taken to the car barns in that section. A large squadron of mounted

police escorted the cars and prevented a demonstration. The company claims they had 700 cars in operation today but the pickets watching at the car barns reported only 124 cars in operation and that nine crews of strike breakers deserted. The cars were withdrawn at 6 o'clock tonight. Rioting in the heart of the business section of the city, the attempted burning of another car, and many petty attacks by sympathizers, led the police officials to enlarge the force and consider calling out the militia. The arrest of Pratt resulted from rumors of a general sympathetic strike of all the 100,000 union men in Philadelphia. Mayor Reuburn tonight issued a statement to the effect that the public would be protected even if the whole police power of the city and state had to be called on.

The police at the city hall late tonight refused to recognize the discharge for Pratt, issued by Magistrate Gorman, before whom friends of the strike leader had entered bail in the sum of \$1,000, and he will be obliged to remain in his cell all night.

The first fatality in rioting occurred tonight when an unidentified man died in a hospital. He was injured today in a clash between a mob and the police. Policeman Fred Tyson, whose skull was fractured in the riot will probably die.

John J. Murphy, president of the Central Labor Union announced to-night he had been given power to call a general strike which would probably be called before the end of the week and possibly tomorrow.

LIBERTY MINER SUFFERS STROKE OF PARALYSIS

IS STRICKEN ILL WHILE EMPLOYED IN THE UNDERGROUND WORKINGS.

William Connors, a tracklayer and pipe man at the Liberty mine, suffered a stroke of paralysis yesterday morning while at work in the mine that resulted in his left side being rendered powerless. He was conveyed from the underground workings to the surface and George Hayden, who is employed in the assay office, was despatched to this city. Hayden, who was horseback, made the trip in record breaking time, covering the eighteen miles in three hours.

Dr. McLeod left about 4 o'clock in one of the Consolidated auto cars piloted by Shorty Kutzeu. The injured man will be brought to the hospital here this morning, as it was deemed advisable to wait until daylight to make the return trip.

Connors is well known in this city and was formerly employed at the MacNamara mine. His wife and child are residing here at the present.

Several years ago at Grass Valley he suffered a similar stroke, at that time only the right side being affected.

CHICAGO COMPANY FILES ARTICLES

Articles of incorporation were filed yesterday at the county clerk's office by the Berg Co-operative Mining company, which has a capitalization of \$100,000 and with the same number of shares at a par value of \$1 each. The district where the new company expects to engage in business is named as Nye county. William Berg, A. W. Meyer, George F. Paulsen, C. F. Robertson and L. M. Darnley of Chicago are named as the incorporators.

STRIKERS SET FIRE TO FIVE PLANTATIONS

By Associated Press.
POINT A PITRE, Guadalupe, Feb. 21.—Twenty thousand sugar cane cutters struck today and all agricultural work has been stopped. The situation is serious, as the troops and police are insufficient to preserve order. The trouble began yesterday when one thousand men went out on strike and set fire to five estates on which they had been employed. The strikers have refused to accept the offer of an increase of 33 per cent in wages.

MASON VALLEY PLANT IS NOW FULLY FINANCED

EIGHT HUNDRED TON SMELTER PLANT AT WABUSKA AND TRAMWAY FROM MASON

A positive assurance of the erection of the Mason Valley Mines company smelter plant comes this week to cheer each and everyone of us. In the form of the outline of reorganization of that company, which plan includes the financing of the smelter by bonding it and the mine for the sum of \$1,000,000, says the Mason Valley News.

General Manager Gunn says actual building will begin just as soon as the detailed plans and specifications are turned over by the architects.

The smelter has been financed by the floating of \$1,000,000 worth of bonds, instead of \$750,000 as originally planned; the smelter is to have an initial capacity of 800 tons daily, instead of 500 tons; these departures from the first plans of last year are to be accounted for by the relative development of the

NELSON AND WOLGAST READY FOR THE FIGHT

By Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast who battle for the lightweight championship tomorrow afternoon at Point Richmond, have ceased training, and are ready for the time-keeper's signal to start them on the forty-five round journey. Both fighters are under the required weight of 133 pounds ringside. Betting on the result is heavy tonight with odds of 2 to 1 in favor of Nelson. Even money is being wagered that Wolgast will stay twenty-five rounds.

SKELETON OF WOMAN FOUND NEAR REDDING

By Associated Press.
REDDING, Feb. 21.—A skeleton, believed to be that of a woman, was found today on the banks of the Sacramento river near Redding. The discovery was made by an Indian while hunting driftwood. Coroner Houston, after an examination, stated his belief that the woman had been murdered.

SENATOR ALDRICH WOULD RUN THE GOVERNMENT AT A REDUCED COST

In a Speech He Declares the Present Methods are Obsolete---Opposes the Creation of New Commission.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Aldrich said today, if permitted to do so, he would undertake to run the government of the United States on \$300,000,000 a year less than it now costs. He was not making a formal proposition, but was making a speech in the senate on the belief that the creation of a commission was needed to reform the business methods of the government. He said the methods are obsolete, and involved the annual loss of at least one hundred million dollars. At this instance a bill was amended to provide a commission to be composed entirely of members of congress, five senators, and five representatives. Aldrich spoke in reply to Dooliver, and said he feared the commission would accomplish no good but much evil. He regarded the bill as a proposition to enter upon a "blanket disparagement of government." He declared the commission would cost not less than \$300,000 and said he thought there were too many committees already. Newland advocated the commission be appointed by the president. The consideration of the bill was not concluded when an adjournment was taken.

In fact it is demonstrated beyond question that the physical conditions of the property have entirely outgrown the organization plans first conceived and the radical changes are necessitated by the knowledge that the development must be conducted on a much larger scale.

The capital stock of Mason Valley Mines company is to be reduced at once from 1,000,000 shares at a par value of \$1 a share to 500,000 shares at a par value of \$5 per share.

Of the 1,000,000 shares of the old stock only 770,000 shares are outstanding; the holders of this stock will receive therefor the new stock at the rate of one for five, or a total of 154,000 of a new issue of 500,000; 100,000 shares to be set aside to redeem the \$1,000,000 in bonds at the rate of \$10 per share, option of the purchaser of the bonds, leaving 264,000 shares in the treasury, out of a total capitalization of 500,000 shares.

The bonds will bear 6 per cent interest, convertible into shares at the option of the purchaser, on a basis of \$10 a share.

Another feature of the details just made public, and one that will be of more interest to the local people, is the final decision to construct the aerial tramway from the mine down to the town of Mason, a

SAYS SUPREME COURT BENCH WAS AUCTIONED OFF

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—William J. Connors, chairman of the democratic state committee, will fight for his political life, against those who are trying to oust him as chairman, and it was announced tonight he stands ready to testify at Albany at the proposed investigation, on charges that places on the supreme court bench of the state had been "auctioned off" in Greater New York. Connors heard privately tonight that such an investigation would be demanded. Almost simultaneously came the announcement from Albany that resolutions to this effect had been introduced.

CHANCES EXCELLENT FOR TILLMAN'S RECOVERY

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—A continued improvement in the condition of Senator Tillman has inspired a renewed hope of his ultimate recovery. The chances are now in his favor, according to the physicians.

IRISH ARE NOW IN CONTROL OF THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT

By Associated Press.
LONDON, Feb. 21.—Players of the game of politics threw their cards upon the table in the house of commons today. The government is without the allies necessary to carry out legislation and the prospect is that the country will be stirred up by another general election within a few months. Premier Asquith has announced that financial legislation will be put ahead the proposals to curb the power of the house of lords. John Redmond, the Irish leader, declared flatly the nationalists would not support that program. The laborites are holding a meeting to decide their course. They probably will follow the footsteps of the Irish members. The government will probably be able to adopt the budget by the grace of the conservatives, who will possibly vote for it in order to avert financial chaos, and keep the wheels of the empire turning.

The enactment of the budget, as Redmond pointed out, leaves the winning cards in the hands of the lords, who will then be free to reject the bill for reforming their house, and force another election. The meeting of parliament was a momentous one for the cabinet's policy was not revealed to the country until Premier Asquith took the floor.

Redmond and his Irish colleagues controlled the course of events. His pronouncement that the Irish members would not support the prime

minister was the sensation of the day, and it appears to have settled the administration's fate. It is reported that twenty-five radicals declared their intention of supporting Redmond against the government's course and that a great pressure is being brought to bear from the radicals to induce Asquith to resign forthwith.

Austen Chamberlain, who will propose the amendments to the king's speech, is in favor of tariff reform and imperial preference and at the same time is deploring the failure of the ministers to recognize in the speech the nature of gravity to the state of trade and employment. During the debate on the king's speech, Arthur Balfour spoke for the opposition. He criticized the king's speech for its ambiguity on particularly the naval question. Asquith on rising to reply was loudly cheered. He stated that apart from the financial provisions the only question on which the government had announced legislation was the relations between the two houses. "Nothing more will be introduced this session. The house of lords," said the premier, "last year rejected the budget. It was this glaring breach of unwritten conventions to the constitution that was the climax to a series of acts by which the lords claimed an over-riding authority over the decisions of the popular chamber, and government's appeal to the country was primarily an appeal to give them authority to put an end to that state of affairs."

SOCIAL WORKERS TO HOLD MEETING IN MONTH OF MAY

By Associated Press.
ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—Announcement of the preliminary program of the national conference of Charities and Correction, which will be held here during the week of May 19th to 26th, was made today.

This will probably be one of the greatest gatherings of social workers ever held in the world. Meeting simultaneously with it, or just before or just after its sessions, conventions will be held by the National Conference of Jewish Charities the St. Vincent de Paul society (the great laymen's movement for social service of the Roman Catholic church), the National Federation of Remedial Loan companies and the National Probation Officers' association. Just about that time, too, there will be an international convention here of the Police Chiefs of American and Canadian cities, whose problems are closely allied with those of the charity workers who will be meeting.

TO DEDICATE LABOR TEMPLE AT LOS ANGELES

By Associated Press.
SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 21.—Mayor McCarthy, a number of city officials, and 140 delegates, representing the various building trades all over the state, left at midnight on a special train for Los Angeles. The party will attend the dedication of the union labor temple in that city.

MINING CONGRESS TO MEET IN SEPTEMBER

By Associated Press.
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—The American Mining congress today selected September 26th as the date for the opening of the annual convention.

WORK STARTS YESTERDAY ON COLD STORAGE PLANT

LOS ANGELES BREWING COMPANY AWARDS CONTRACT SATURDAY.

The contract for building the cold storage plant at the H. J. Hall Liquor company, which was awarded Saturday by the Los Angeles Brewing company, was secured by Victor Carlson, who started work yesterday. It is the intention to have the plant in operation by the last of March so as to have a sufficient time to prepare for the summer trade. The negotiations in this city were looked after by John R. Hagen, the representative of the brewing company in southern California. The necessary machinery will be shipped immediately on his arrival so there will be no delay in the work of construction.

NEW MINISTER AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Myron Cooley, the new minister at the Baptist church, arrived in the city from Los Angeles Saturday evening and preached his first sermon Sunday morning. The theme of the sermon was, "If Ye Are Christ's." There was a large congregation present at the evening service when Mr. Cooley preached on "The Touch of the Master." Mr. Cooley was formerly editor of the Pacific Baptist, published in Portland, and more recently superintendent of city missions in Los Angeles. There will be services at the church every Sunday, and also on Wednesday evenings.

By Associated Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The administration ship subsidy bill reached the house today through the filing of the report of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries, which previously acted on it. The minority was granted ten days to report against the bill.

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